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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 869 (File 436, as amended by Senate "A")\***

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill broadens the candidacy pool for one chairperson position on the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) student advisory committee. It also equalizes the two leadership positions by making the vice-chairperson a cochairperson.

Currently, this student committee elects its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one from committee members of the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), and the other from a regional community-technical college. The bill allows Charter Oak State College students to be eligible for the CSUS chairperson position.

Also, the bill requires the student committee, beginning January 1, 2014, to submit a yearly report to the Higher Education and Appropriations committees on its biannual meetings with BOR and its assistance with BOR's duties under the law.

\*Senate Amendment "A" changes the effective date of the student committee reporting section from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Membership of the Student Advisory Committee***

The BOR student advisory committee consists of 17 members serving two-year terms: one from each institution in the CSUS system (four total), one from each regional community-technical college (12 total), and one from Charter Oak State College. Eligible members may be full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students in good standing. They are elected to the committee by their respective

institutions' student governments.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea     20     Nay   0     (03/26/2013)